

MINUTES

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

July 10, 2014

Public Session

I **CALL TO ORDER**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at 9:09 am in the Union Conference Room on the third (3rd) floor at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

PARTICIPANTS		PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
President	Arthur F Margiotta, RA	(X)	()	()
Vice President	Nicholas J. Netta, RA	(X)	()	()
Board Member	Obiora Agudosi, RA	()	()	(X)
Board Member	Diane Goté, CID	(X)	()	()
Board Member	Kishor Y Joshi, RA	(X)	()	()
Board Member	Louis J Mraw	()	()	(X)
	Government Member			
Board Member	Richard Picatagi, LLA	(X)	()	()
Board Member	Michael G. Soriano, RA	(X)	()	()
Board Member	Albert Zacccone, RA	(X)	()	()
Board Member	Architect Member			
Board Member	Landscape Architect Member			
Board Member	Vacant - Public Member			
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OTHERS PRESENT: B. Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General; Charles Kirk, Acting Executive Director of the Board of Architects; and Margaret Hinkley, Secretary to Executive Director of the Board of Architects; Joseph Abello III and Beverly Rankin of the Board of Architects; and Martha Richardson staff member of the Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

II **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

The statement required by Chapter 231, public laws of 1975, the "Open Public Meetings Act," was read and it was announced that notice of this meeting was prepared in the office of the Board of Architects and mailed to the Secretary of State, the Newark *Star-Ledger*, the Trenton *Times*, the Camden *Courier-Post*, the *Record* and the Atlantic City *Press*.

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III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 12, 2014

ACTION: Mr. Soriano motioned to approve of the minutes as presented. Mr. Joshi seconded the motion. Mr. Zaccone abstained. Motion carried.

IV ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Margiotta announced the following:

- Investigative inquiry with the respondent pertaining to ITEM No. 97203 is scheduled for 10:30 am
- Continuing Education Audit sub-committee to meet after the conclusion of today's meeting.
- Joint Committee of Architects & Engineers meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2014.

Mr. Soriano announced that he and Messrs. Kirk, Margiotta, and Zaccone attended the NCARB Annual Meeting last month. The resolution requiring Regional Directors to hold a NCARB Certificate was passed and takes effect in 2017.

V OLD BUSINESS

A Previously closed disciplinary matter

ITEM NO. 88654

A. Zaccone

Respondent/s: PIMPAO, Edmund J. - AI011401

Architectus, LLC - no COA

On May 9, 2013, the Board unanimously voted to issue the settlement letter with the addition of Mr. Pimpao to take two 3-credit college ethics course. On June 12th, the Board reviewed a copy of the signed settlement letter from Mr. Pimpao; a copy of the Board's May 23rd letter regarding the ethics course he needs to complete; and copies of certificates of completion from Mr. Pimpao. The Board tabled this matter until the next meeting.

7/10/14 Copy of the signed settlement letter from Mr. Pimpao; a copy of the Board's May 23rd letter regarding the ethics course he needs to complete; and copies of certificates of completion from Mr. Pimpao are attached for Board review.

ACTION: After some discussion, Mr. Zaccone motioned to advise Mr. Pimpao that the courses he took were denied and did not satisfy the requirement in the settlement letter. Advise him that he has 30 days to provide proof that he has signed up for two (2) three-credit college courses on ethics. Mr. Soriano seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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VI NEW BUSINESS

A Re-Organization of Officers

Mr. Margiotta opened the floor for nominations for President:

Mr. Soriano motioned to nominate Nicholas Netta for President. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations for President, the Board unanimously elected Nicholas Netta as President of the Board.

Mr. Margiotta opened the floor for nominations for Vice President:

Mr. Zaccone motioned to nominate Richard Picatagi for Vice President. Ms. Goté seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations for Vice President, the Board unanimously elected Richard Picatagi as Vice President of the Board.

B Regulation

Proposed amendments to the Site Plan Rule N.J.A.C. 13:27-7.3 was published in the June 16, 2014 edition of the *New Jersey Register*. Comment period ends August 15, 2014.

ACTION: Duly noted.

C Correspondence

Copy of a fax transmittal dated June 24, 2014, from Ronald M Schneider, AIA, inquiring if an Architect can sign and seal fire sprinkler drawings in the State of New Jersey for a commercial project if they are prepared under his supervision as per section 45:4B-10 "Architect to design engineering systems: conditions" of the NJ Building Design Law is attached for Board review.

ACTION: Mr. Zaccone motioned to advise Mr. Schneider that within the scope of the practice of architecture under N.J.S.A. 45:3-1.1, he is permitted to sign and seal fire sprinkler drawings. Mr. Soriano seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

D Information

1 Copy of the June Member Board E-News from CLARB is attached for Board information.

ACTION: Duly noted.

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- 2 Copy of a draft form to be used in reviewing the continuing education audit forms. Also at the bottom of the form is a draft scale of penalties. Penalty amounts need to be determined by the Board.

ACTION: The CE Audit sub-committee will review the form and tailor it to their needs.

- E Landscape Architect Continuing Education Course review report

APPROVE

Summer Plant Symposium offered by NJ Nursery and Landscape Association - 3 hrs

ACTION: Mr. Picatagi motioned to approve the above course as noted. Mr. Zacccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

VII REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

A. Applications for Licensure by Credentials

The following individuals have applied for licensure by credentials, have met board requirements and are recommended for licensure:

* - NCARB Council Record Holder

Bradley Richards*
Benjamin Nia*
Randy J Falk*
Berg, Katherine S*
Witzenburg, Curtis G*
Noah Tolson*
Laboranti, Timothy L*
Allen-Hall, Michael L*
Groch, Nicholas M*

Mark Rolfs*
George Lovett III*
Brian Feagans*
Brain, Susan M*
Bairley, Daniel R*
Victor Weisberg*
Pedler, James C*
Key, Randolph*
Freeman, Erica S*

Russell Rosicki*
Alan Plutowski*
Gary Martinez*
Doss, Larry K*
Burton, Ryan D*
Levi, Alexander F*
Juranek, David J*
Lee, Sunggu*

ACTION: Mr. Netta motioned to approve the above individuals for licensure by credentials. Mr. Soriano seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

BOARD REVIEWED

Jack Snow*

ACTION: Subsequent to reviewing the information, Mr. Picatagi motioned to approve Mr. Snow for licensure by credentials. Mr. Zacccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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B. Applications for Examination

The following applicant/s applied for admission to the Architectural Registration Examination and are recommended by staff:

Christopher J Amelung
Brad Kern

David B Andriola
Charles L Baldanza

Katherine A Weaver

ACTION: Mr. Netta motioned to approve the above individuals to take the ARE Examination. Mr. Joshi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

BOARD REVIEWED

Alexis M Breining

ACTION: Subsequent to reviewing the information, the Board determined to request additional information from Ms. Breining.

C Licensure by Examination

The following applicant/s have completed all Divisions of the Architectural Registration Examination and are submitted to the Board for licensure:

Michael T Adams
Michael C Gurzo - PE

Frederick Cooke
Robert G Pivovarnick II

Joseph M Delucia

ACTION: Mr. Netta motioned to approve the above individuals for licensure inasmuch as they have completed the Architectural Registration Examination. Mr. Soriano seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

D Certificate/s of Authorization

1 I HOUSE ARCHITECTURE, LLC
1600 Hwy 71 - Ste 3
Belmar NJ 07719

Architecture

Responsible Architect: Paul Lawrence - License #AI012441

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by a New Jersey licensed architect who owns 70% of the shares in business with an unlicensed individual who owns 30% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

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- 2 A-SQUARED LLC** **Architecture**
3312 Hudson Avenue - Ste 6J
Union NJ 07087

Responsible Architect: Alakananda M. Supur - License #AI019606

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by a New Jersey licensed architect who owns 100% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

- 3 BLAKE DESIGN LLC** **Architecture**
1 Prospect Street - Apt 210
South Orange NJ 07079

Responsible Architect: Kristin A Blake - License #AI019223

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by a New Jersey licensed architect who owns 100% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

- 4 CERMINARA GROUP, INC.** **Architecture**
224 Courtyard Drive
Hillsborough NJ 08844

Responsible Architect: Carmine Cerminara - License #AI007461

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by a New Jersey licensed architect who owns 100% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

- 5 JAFFE ARCHITECTURE, LLC** **Architecture**
PO Box 803
Huntington Valley PA 19006

Responsible Architect: Matthew S Jaffe - License #AI010460

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by a New Jersey licensed architect who owns 100% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

ACTION: Mr. Netta motioned to issue a Certificates of Authorization to the above five firms. Mr. Joshi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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VIII LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT APPLICATION REVIEW

A Licensure without examination:

The following individuals submit completed applications for licensure without examination and are recommended for licensure.

* - CLARB Council Record Holder

Neil Werket* - On October 14, 2011, after some discussion, the Board determined to table this matter and request Mr. Werket to provide additional information. On July 12, 2012, the Board determined to table this matter. On February 14th, the Board tabled this matter. On March 14th, the Board reviewed a letter from Mr. Werket requesting an interview before the board pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:27-8.4c. The Board determined to table this item until the next meeting pending receipt of additional information from the applicant. On July 11, 2013, the Board reviewed a copy of a letter dated June 24, 2013 from Mr. Werket as well as a copy of the letter from Educational Perspectives concerning the evaluation of his degree. Subsequent to reviewing the submitted information, the Board unanimously voted to advise Mr. Werket that based on the evaluation presented he does not meet the education requirement in New Jersey and he may wish to follow the recommendations made per the evaluation to him and re-submit his request for licensure.

7/10/14 Copy of an e-mail, dated June 24, 2014, from Neil Werket also attached are syllabuses for each class noted in his letter for Board review and determination if successful completion would fulfill the education requirement for licensure? Also attached for board information is the June 24, 2013 from Mr. Werket as well as a copy of the letter from Educational Perspectives concerning the evaluation of his degree.

ACTION: Mr. Picatagi motioned to advise Mr. Werket to have the courses he wants to take at Rutgers evaluated and obtain an updated report that his education is substantial equivalent. Mr. Soriano seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

B Certificate/s of Authorization

The following firm has submitted a completed application for a Certificate of Authorization and are recommended for approval.

ADVANCED GEOSERVICES CORP.

Landscape Architecture

1055 Andrew Drive - Ste A
West Chester PA 19380

Responsible Landscape Architect:

Barry G Stingel - License #AS001176

ACTION: Mr. Picatagi motioned to issue a Certificate of Authorization to above firm. Mr. Joshi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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C Resolution for past Landscape Architect Committee Chair - Roy H DeBoer

Mr. Picatagi informed the Board that in March 2014 Roy H DeBoer, former Board of Architect member as well as former Landscape Architect Examination and Evaluation Committee member, passed away. Mr. DeBoer created the landscape architecture program at Rutgers University, created the Memorial Gardens at Rutgers University. He inspired hundreds of students to become landscape architects. Mr. DeBoer also lobbied the legislation to recognize the profession of landscape architecture resulting in creating the Landscape Architect Examination and Evaluation Committee which certified landscape architects in New Jersey. Mr. Picatagi read a resolution outlining Mr. DeBoer's accomplishments for the profession of landscape architecture at the meeting. The resolution will be forwarded to Mr. DeBoer's family.

IX PUBLIC COMMENTS

Seeing no one present from the public, Mr. Margiotta proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

X CLOSED CASES

The Board closed the following case at today's meeting:

1 ITEM NO. 98484 - MORITZ, Michael - AI017266 / Stonewater Architecture - AC000735

XI EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Goté motioned to go into executive session for the purposes of reviewing the minutes and other items on the executive session. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

XII NEXT MEETINGS

No August Meeting

September 11, 2014	Regular Meeting	Union Room - 3 rd Floor
	Investigative inquiry with the Architect pertaining to ITEM No. 98103 - 10:30 am	
	Investigative inquiry with the respondent pertaining to ITEM No. 98103 - 11:30 am	

October 9, 2014	Regular Meeting	Union Room - 3 rd Floor
	Investigative inquiry with the respondent pertaining to ITEM No. 96755 - 11 am	

XIII ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2pm